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SOLUTION:

I will use the multiplication principle of counting to figure out how many possible different combinations there are:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} \text{color} & & \text{extra} & & \text{age} & & \text{size} & & \text{TOTAL} \\ 3 & \times & 3 & \times & 2 & \times & 2 & = & 36 \end{array}$$

ANSWER: There are 36 different combinations so the toy factory can make 36 different Seussical fish toys using these options.